

February 2006 Unified Program Newsletter

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Proposed Permanent Regulations - Single Fee System

The proposed permanent regulations establish a formula for setting the fee to be paid by businesses in a county or portion of a county for which the state acts as the CUPA. Currently this includes Trinity and Imperial Counties. The complete regulatory package can be found at:

http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/UPA_Fee_Regs.cfm

State Water Resources Control Board

New State Water Board Staff

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Donielle Jackson has accepted a position with the State Water Board UST Program's UST Leak Prevention Technical Unit. Donielle previously worked as a student in the State Water Board's Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification and Wetlands Unit Program. Donnielle has a BA in Environmental Studies from CSUS, and is currently working on her Masters in Public Policy and Administration. Please join us in welcoming Donielle, who can be reached at dljackson@waterboards.ca.gov or 916-341-5863.

We are also pleased to announce that Mr. Ben Heningburg has accepted a position in the State Water Board UST Program's UST Cleanup Unit. Ben actually started his career as a student working in the SWRCB's UST Cleanup Unit many years ago. For the past ten years, Ben has been working as a consultant in the UST cleanup field. We are fortunate to have his expertise and experience back in our Unit. Please join us in welcoming Ben, who can be reached at bheningburg@waterboards.ca.gov or 916-341-5749.

New Local Guidance Letters

The State Water Board's UST Program has issued two Local Guidance (LG) letters: LG 163-1 and LG 166. Both letters were e-mailed to local agencies, and are also available online at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/>.

- LG 163-1 is a revised version of the General Recommendations for Testing Leak Detection Sensors. The revision provides recommendations for testing vacuum and pressure-based interstitial monitoring systems, and includes a supplemental Monitoring System Certification Form that should be used to document annual certification of those systems.
- LG 166 provides guidance for annual testing of spill buckets, and includes a spill bucket testing report form. LG 166 was developed by a workgroup of local agency inspectors, UST owners/operators, service technicians, State Water Board staff, and DTSC staff. The letter is intended to promote consistent spill bucket testing procedures throughout California, so we encourage all agencies to follow the guidelines.

UST Program Contact: Scott Bacon (sbacon@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5873).

Joint State-Local Enforcement Case

Attorney General Bill Lockyer announced that AT&T has agreed to pay \$25 million to settle a lawsuit of various UST violations. This case represents the second largest settlement in the nation for violations concerning underground storage tank law. The lawsuit charged that AT&T repeatedly failed to test and repair their USTs throughout the state. The lawsuit also charged that AT&T failed to shut down tank systems with inadequate piping. District and City Attorneys from Alameda, Los Angeles, Monterey, San Joaquin, San Diego, and Solano joined Lockyer in filing the case. This UST settlement is second in size only to a 2002 settlement with BP-ARCO for \$45.8 million. For more information concerning this case, please refer to the Attorney General's website (<http://www.ag.ca.gov>) or the SWRCB's UST website (<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust>).

UST Program Contact: Leslie Graves (lgraves@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5810)

California UST Inspector Certification

As of January 31, 2006, a total of 429 persons had obtained ICC UST Inspector Certificates. We recommend that an UST inspector include his or her ICC UST Inspector Certificate number when he or she signs an UST facility inspection report. Other ICC California UST programs: Designated UST Operators -3643; UST Service Technicians -835; UST Installers with a California address - 562.

UST Program Contact: Laura Chaddock (lchaddock@waterboards.ca.gov; 916-341-5870).

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Draft 2006-2008 Pollution Prevention Report and Two Year Work Plan

DTSC's Pollution Prevention Plan for fiscal years 2006/07 and 2007/08 is focusing on the Chemical Industry and the Marine Vessel Service and Repair. There is also an update of the ongoing activities planned for the Autobody and Paint Project, and various other DTSC program activities. The public comment period on the plan will remain open until March 6, 2006. The final "Pollution Prevention Report and Two Year Workplan" is scheduled for an April 1, 2006 publication. DTSC welcomes the insights and comments of interested parties, affected industries, and the public. This link will take you to the full draft plan.

www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/SB1916/Upload/P2_REP_sb1916_06-08_workplan.pdf

Additional information regarding Pollution Prevention can be found at:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/index.cfm>

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Multi-Casualty Mass Decontamination Guidance Document

OES is excited to announce the "Multi-Casualty Mass Decontamination Guidance Document" is on the OES Web Page. This guidance document is intended to assist local First Responders in planning and training for multi-casualty mass decontamination at or away from the site of a hazardous materials incident. The guidance document is not intended to supplement and take the place of an existing plan.

The guidance provides a basic background of Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and its field response level, including the identification of Command Staff and HazMat/Multi-Casualty Operation ICS positions and responsibilities, as defined in the FIREScope Fire Service Field Operation Guide; provides information on Cultural Sensitivity, Positive Communication, Protecting the Victims Modesty, and Handling Personal Items; describes HazMat agents' (chemical, biological, radiological) acute exposure effects, and provides triage and decontamination guidance; and describes decontamination basics. Follow this link for additional information:

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/LevelTwoWithNav?OpenForm&Key=Hazardous+Materials>

Business Plan, Spill/Release Reporting, & CalARP Basic Training

OES is once again providing OES Basic Program Training. This training is open to government and industry staff that are interested in learning the basics about the following:

- Business Plan Program

- California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program. Also called the Risk Management Program

- Hazardous Material Release/Spill Reporting Requirements

This free training will be held at the South Coast AQMD facility in Diamond Bar, California on March 29, 2006. The class is scheduled from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM. Attendance is limited to the first 60 people. To register, please email Michael_Warren@oes.ca.gov or call Michael Warren at 916-845-8772 before March 22, 2006.

The Unified Program Section is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter. Please provide comments and suggestions to cupa@calepa.ca.gov.

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